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New Ham Radio License, Now What? Jim Sanders AG6IF: Jim Sanders AG6IF





Synopsis

This document is inspired by every ham radio operator who obtained their license and then never pushed a PTT because they didn't know what to do next, or who to talk to. You will find help thinking through some of the decisions that you will be faced with as you begin your ham radio adventure.

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Customer Reviews

This little book is especially valuable as an adjunct to the ARRL's HT book "Radios To Go!"

Sanders' book is down-to-earth and practical in its focus. You can think of it as a "Keep It Simple,
Stupid" Elmer (experienced ham mentor) guiding you in selecting equipment and operating modes
when you are just getting started with a Technician class license. While the ARRL book focuses
exclusively on handheld radios, Sanders' book covers more options. The ARRL book only covers
products and services advertised in ARRL properties, while Sanders covers popular products like
the Baofeng HTs sold by and the excellent free Chirp programming software, as well as
inexpensive roll-up J-pole antennas. However, Sanders' book is quite short and the formatting is

disappointing. You can not hyperlink from the Table of Contents to the chapter of interest. You can jump from the start of a chapter to the start of the next chapter, so one doesn't have to go page-by-page. Cheap and quick to read. Recommended.

I'm new to this ham stuff and after pouring over a bunch of books on the topic I found them way less than useful. Even the idiots guide was crap! This book takes you through all you need to know as a beginner, believe m I am as beginner as you can get. This guy clears up all the crap. GREAT BOOK!!!

Well done, sir! Like a good chat with a straight talking friend who happens to know about ham radio. You make it sound easy and fun --- which, it turns out is true. One question - where the heck was this when I was starting out?73Michael Burnette, AF7KB

Good book as a follow up to getting your Technician Ham License. It showed me the importance of finding a group that can take the book knowledge (more like test study knowledge) that you do for the license and move it into the real world. Some of the areas to explore were over my head, but it was an eye opener with some interesting directions to take a new hobby. Worth the read as an aid to find direction.

I'm a new ham (KE8EWD) and this book was very helpful. Towards the end he gives several references that I will use.

As a "newbie" to Ham radio I found this ebook an easy read. I appreciated that the author did not make this book too technical. I learned things I've never read anywhere else. Highly recommend!

This book gives a great overview of much of what Amateur radio has to offer. True, the overviews are brief, but they are mostly concise and give references to more materials for reading on most topics. I particularly welcomed the part where the author stresses courtesy when you are on the air. That is a topic that even seasoned Amateurs should review every so often.

Great for Beginners

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